

**TOWN OF WEBSTER**  
**Office of Selectmen**  
**945 Battle Street/Rte. 127**  
**Webster, NH 03303**

7:05 P.M. Selectmen's Meeting – July 11, 2011 - Draft

Present: Chairman George Cummings, Selectman George Hashem and Selectman Bruce Johnson.

The Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Hashem made a motion to accept the minutes of June 27, 2011 as written; seconded by Selectman Jonson and approved. Chairman Cummings thanked Therese Larson for covering the meeting; and
- One annual leave slip and one sick leave slip for Mrs. Jones.

The Board signed the following for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham:

- Four Intents to Cut as follows: Leila Moseley – Map 4-5; David Herrick, Map 4-9; Ronald Derby & Michele St. Jacques – Map 2-30; and Mark Phillips – Map 4-12; and
- Annual leave slip for Mrs. Pinkham.

Mrs. Pinkham received a quote for propane from Jeff Swanson of Rymes for \$2.09 per gallon, a \$.60 increase over last year, for the heating season of September 2011 to May 2012. She inquired about increasing the gallons but it was recommended that she not do that. She advised that combining with the School District, as we do with heating fuel, was too complicated. She also had quotes for winter salt of which copies were provided to the Road Agent, advising that Granite State Minerals, our current supplier, quoted the same price as last year. A quote was received from American Rock Salt. Also, a quote was received from International Salt out of Pennsylvania, the same pricing as Granite State Minerals, noting they stockpile the salt in Portsmouth. She will check with Road Agent Emmett Bean for a final decision.

Police Chief Dupuis advised of the following:

- A request for vacation leave for Officer Rich LaValley;
- He received a request to respond to a letter that the Cozy Pond Camping Resort be allowed to sell Beer & Wine. He has prepared a response. His concerns were an alarm system and video surveillance, which owner Joe Prima assured would be taken care of. Deputy Fire Chief Adam Pouliot, present tonight, advised that he has inspected the store and advised that all is in order. Mr. DiPrima explained that he needed a letter from the Board as well, which he had taken the liberty to prepare should the Board be agreeable to signing it tonight. Chairman Cummings later signed the letter after Selectman Hashem made a motion to sign; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved;
- State gas prices are set at \$3.22 for the next six weeks;
- There were 43 calls for service over the last two weeks. One was for wires done on a limb on Route 127 in Salisbury, to which he responded. He called the Salisbury Fire Department and when help arrived it was taken care of. He read the highlights of the 43 calls; and
- The Police Department server is eight years old. After speaking to IMC, it was realized that the server cannot handle the changes he wanted and those proposed by them. He spoke with a company in Contoocook, who has looked at it and given a price for replacement and spoke with the Office's provider Mainstay Technology who had already indicated that the unit needs replacement, but does not have a price yet. He will put together a spec sheet as to what is needed and will send it out for bids.

Fire Chief Colin Colby advised of the following:

- 85 calls to date. This including medical calls and a mutual aid fire in Warner, with a good response from the Department;
- A three-town training session with Boscawen, Salisbury and Webster was planned for tonight, but postponed until July 18<sup>th</sup> in Boscawen;
- Central NH Fire Wardens Meeting is in Northwood tomorrow night; and
- He attended a meeting over the weekend on repairing Scott Air Pacs, noting that funds are still needed as the company needs to come and test the Air Pacs every two years.

BOS Initials:

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G. C. Cummings

G. K. Hashem

B. G. Johnson

Chairman Cummings introduced Senator Andy Sanborn, here for the second quarterly meeting this year with Webster. He advised that there was some “good, bad and ugly” news. He indicated that the budget was balanced, as he had promised, without raising taxes, though he noted that it was not done without some likes and dislikes. There were two important challenges: the education funding in trying to find an adequate education formula that may ask for a constitutional amendment on the ballot, which currently has passed the house and senate and is now sitting on the Governor's desk, expecting to be signed, but not definite. This is tied into the budget. The second challenge is the retirement reform. He went on to explain the issues with this system. He personally is trying to work on “holding towns harmless” noting that they are still trying to make this happen, which may require further legislation.

Senator Sanborn continued to discuss at length various other issues and addressed questions and discussion from the floor. Prior to his departure he touched on legislation regarding culverts to make it easier and less costly to the towns for repairs or replacement. He then requested that the Board contact him should they have any important issues they would like to be considered.

An e-mail was received in response to the possible use of a trailer on Battle Street advising that it was in fact not in use and acknowledging that should that status change, they would file the proper paperwork.

There is a meeting in Salisbury at the Safety Building on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. regarding shared services.

The Board met at 5:00 pm this evening to continue discussion on the bid specifications for the Town Hall roofing project and hope to have the documents ready for Wednesday.

Referencing the salt shed and cable issue, this will be discussed at a later meeting.

It was noted that new legislation regarding the carrying of firearms pursuant to RSA 159:26 is on the Governor's desk.

The Board reviewed the draft letter to be sent to abutters regarding the sale of lots in the Pillsbury Lake District as voted at the 2011 Town Meeting. The only change approved by the Board was to change the minimum bid of \$500 to \$200. The request for bids will be sent out with a return date of August 22, 2011 at 4:00 pm with the bids to be opened that evening at 7:30 pm.

Bob Drown discussed concerns he had regarding the proposed changes in the “Refuse Disposal Ordinance”. He has brought these concern to the Refuse Disposal Committee, of which he is a member, though he is here as a private citizen tonight. His concerns are that the ordinance does not treat everyone fairly. He cited where one is allowed to dump up to 400 lbs at no charge, but if one goes over the 400 lbs the entire load is charged. He also noted that one is stopped if they go more than once a week, when the ordinance refers only to each load, not the number of loads. Other issues were the disposal of tires whereby those over 16” need to be cut up and paid by the piece and the disposal of stumps. He felt that a more fair way would be to raise the necessary operating expenses from appropriations, not individuals. Discussion ensued. No decisions were made, though it was noted that currently the ordinance is at Town Counsel for review. Also, there will be a Public Hearing prior to any signing of the amendments. Committee Member Ellen Kontinos-Cilley noted that the Committee makes recommendations only. Mr. Drown discussed concerns should Hopkinton pull out of the agreement. Discussion ensued with no decisions made.

8:52 PM Selectman Johnson made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) regarding “matters, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person...”; seconded by Selectman Hashem. Roll call: Chairman Cummings – yes; Selectman Hashem – yes; and Selectman Johnson – yes. Mrs. Jones was asked to attend this session.

9:07 PM Chairman Cummings reconvened the meeting. He advised that the Board discussed matters which if discussed in public may affect the reputation of someone and that the minutes were voted to be sealed.

9:08 p.m. Selectman Hashem made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.

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**George C. Cummings, Chairman**  
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